

**SITUATION REPORT NO. 19**  
**INCIDENT NO. 2002-009**  
**DATE: September 11, 2002      TIME: 3:30 p.m.**

TO: Governor John Hoeven  
State Capitol  
Bismarck, ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Severe Summer Storms, Flooding - Severe thunderstorms have produced heavy rain, gusty winds, hail and flooding.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: Thus far, a total of five injuries, due to summer storm activity, have been reported to the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
3. DAMAGES: The Red River Chapter of the American Red Cross (ARC) indicated eight homes in the city of Park River sustained severe structural damage and eight more will require less extensive repair as a result of August 27-28 flooding. Thus far, the ARC has replaced 10 water heaters, and is continuing to identify homes, which require either furnace replacement or furnace repair. ARC officials estimate total repair and replacement costs associated with the damage in Park River will total \$13,000.

On September 11, the level of Devils Lake measured 1,447.37 feet and Stump Lake measured 1,413.70 feet.

4. RESOURCES:

LOCAL: No change from previous reports.

STATE: No change from previous reports.

FEDERAL: Federal Emergency Management (FEMA) personnel have been deployed to North Dakota to assist in Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation.

5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: Of the 47 cases opened in Park River due to the August 27-28 flooding, ARC officials reported only six remain active.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: Governor Hoeven received notification on September 10, that the President approved the August 19 disaster declaration request for the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation and for the counties of Grand Forks, Pembina, Stutsman, Traill, and Walsh due to flooding and storm damages as a result of severe thunderstorms, high winds, excessive rainfall, hail, and tornadoes. The Presidential Disaster Declaration is for Public Assistance and activates the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The 75 percent federal funding will be used by local governmental entities to repair damage to public infrastructure and

to enact measures that will prevent or substantially reduce future damages. The State of North Dakota will contribute 10 percent of the recovery costs while impacted local governments will be responsible for 15 percent. Damages must have occurred within the declaration incident period from June 8 through August 11 to be eligible.

An applicant briefing for the Public Assistance Program will be held for the representatives of local government entities at 9:30 on Friday, September 13, at the Grand Forks Police Department Building in the basement classroom. The address is 122 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street. This briefing is designed to provide information concerning application procedures, eligibility, and administration requirements. A Public Assistance Program applicant briefing for officials from the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation will be held during the week of September 16. Information involving Hazard Mitigation Grant Program briefings will be announced at a later date.

FEMA officials have scheduled opening the federal/state Disaster Field Office (DFO) on September 14 in the basement of the State Water Commission Building. Initially, operations will be conducted Monday through Saturday from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

On September 16-17, the FEMA will conduct inspector training in the DFO for state and federal personnel concerning all aspects of the Public Assistance Program.

Walsh County officials recently closed County Road 2 between section 2 and 11 in Pulaski Township due to rising levels of the Red River. Approximately 12 miles of county and township roads remain closed. Due to the heavy rainfall on August 27-28, the Park River Public Works Department is continuing the process of debris removal.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No change from previous reports.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from previous reports.
9. OTHER: Currently, 446 horses have tested positive for the virus; thus far, only Divide and Hettinger Counties have not reported cases of the disease. Forty-three birds have tested positive. As previously reported, four North Dakota residents have tested positive for West Nile Virus and the virus has been listed as the probable cause of one death.

Appropriate state, local and private entity emergency operations plans and procedures have been implemented.

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